soon as rat was observed on the aircraft, aircraft was fumigated prior to offering for the next flight to ensure safe operation of aircraft.

Norms for Procurement of Aircrafts

3117. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have floated tenders for the procurement of more modern and younger aircrafts on lease to meet its immediate needs;

(b) if so, the details of the requirements and the response received from various sources; and

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the leasing companies are averse to tenders and are keen on on-the-spot decisions; if so, the views of Government on this aspect?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Both Air India and Indian Airlines are planning to take few aircraft on dry lease. Quotation received from various parties would need to be examined and evaluated before the recommendations are put up to the Board of Directors of Air India and Indian Airlines Limited.

Black Box of Crashed Alliance Aircraft

3118. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not disclosing the contents of Black Box as it is now more than three weeks after the plane crash took place at Patna;

(b) the reasons for disclosing of contents being with held for so long; and

(c) the details of the contents and the lessons learnt therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) The black box of Boeing 737 aircraft of Alliance Air which was involved in an accident near Patna airport on 17th

July, 2000, is under examination of the Court of Inquiry set up under Rule 75 of Aircraft Rules, 1937, to hold formal investigation into the circumstances of the accident.

Security lapses at Airports

3119. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that security persons are not alert during their duty hours on the Airports.

(b) whether it is also a fact that their equipment are not working properly; and

(c) what happened on the day of trial at Chennai Airport before the arrival of PM?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Security persons remain alert during their duty hours. Immediate action is taken in case of any lapse.

(b) Equipment are regularly checked and maintained by technical wing of Airports Authority of India.

(c) Dummy checks were carried out by Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) officers on 3.7.2000. Inadequacies observed in the security arrangements at Chennai airport were brought to the notice of Tamil Nadu police authorities and the arrangements were suitably tightened.

"Namaskar India" Contract to Business India Group

3120. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the contract for publishing of "Namaskar India" has been given to "Business India Group" by the Ministry of Civil Aviation; and

(b) if so, whether Government are aware of the fact at the time of awarding the contract that the allegations under the different sections